

Board of Ethics  
Draft Meeting Minutes  
**February 27, 2026**  
City Council Chambers  
8:30 a.m.

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Sullivan called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Present: Stephen Shurtleff, Tenley Callaghan, Marcia Moran, City Solicitor John Conforti

Present- Remote: John Sullivan (could not attend in-person due to being in Florida to attend to a family medical issue)

Not Present: James Rosenberg (Recused)

**3. Election of Chair**

Mr. Sullivan noted that this is the first meeting of the year and that per the Board's rules they are to elect a chair for the next year. Mr. Sullivan asked for nominations.

Ms. Callaghan nominated Mr. Sullivan as Chair, seconded by Ms. Moran with no further discussions.

Motion was approved with Ms. Callaghan, Ms. Moran and Mr. Shurtleff voting yes.

**4. Approval of April 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Shurtleff moved approval of the draft minutes for the April 18, 2025 meeting, seconded by Ms. Callaghan. No further discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**5. Consideration of Complaint of Claire Best against Councilor Amanda Grady-Sexton**

Chair Sullivan stated that the members of the committee had reviewed the complaint and the response provided by Councilor Grady-Sexton. He noted that this meeting was to determine if there was sufficient merit to move forward with a hearing on the complaint. Chair Sullivan noted that per the Board's rules, they could only determine to dismiss the complaint by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Shurtleff stated that before discussion on this matter, he wanted to note that there was a discussion of Marcy's law being considered by the legislature in 2018. Mr. Shurtleff stated that

he was a member of the legislature at that time and had sponsored the legislation but ultimately voted against it.

Mr. Shurtleff then moved to dismiss the complaint and stated that there were several reasons for the dismissal. In support of the motion, Mr. Shurtleff stated that the complaint was based mainly on conjecture rather than evidence. Further, he stated that the allegations go back several years to a decade. Finally, he stated that the complaint misstates the role of the Public Safety Advisory Board (PSAB) and states that this Board can take notice of the fact that the PSAB does not have any role in approving Concord Police budgets as was alleged in the complaint.

Ms. Callaghan seconded the motion to dismiss. In support of the motion, Ms. Callaghan stated that she does not believe that the complaint states a violation of the Code of Ethics and therefore is without merit.

Ms. Moran spoke in favor of the motion stating that the complaint failed to identify any specific vote or action that constituted a conflict of interest. Further, Ms. Moran states that the reference to the Atherton case is not applicable to the fact pattern as set out in the complaint.

The Motion to Dismiss was approved by a vote of 4-0.

#### **6. Setting of Future Meeting Dates.**

Chair Sullivan and City Solicitor Conforti consulted and determined that no future meetings were necessary at this time.

#### **7. Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Shurtleff and seconded by Ms. Callaghan. Motion approved 4-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45.

Meeting Minutes prepared by John Conforti.